



News from **Councilmember Todd Gloria**

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

Today is a day of great importance: Proposition 8 was overturned and the City took a step toward improved financial stability!

Proposition 8: Day of Decision

I am overjoyed that the U.S. District Court overturned Proposition 8. I know our fight to secure this right is not over, but I am confident this civil right will be confirmed and marriage equality will be realized.

Please join me for a Day of Decision march at 6:00 p.m. from Sixth Ave. and University Ave. to the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center, located at 3909 Centre St. in Hillcrest, where a rally featuring Mayor Jerry Sanders will follow.

Reform Before Revenue

The City Council took a very big and necessary step to get San Diego's finances back in order. We have heard the call for "reform before revenue" from the public and from Mayor Sanders, and our action elevates the changes we've implemented to date to a level that will help us earn back the trust of our citizens.

The San Diego City Council voted 6-2 this morning to place the proposal I brought forward with Councilmember Donna Frye on the ballot. The proposal was developed to address the City's longstanding structural budget deficit and will be considered by voters on November 2, 2010.

The measure would ask voters to require the completion of a total of 10 financial and pension reforms by the City and then allow for a temporary ½ cent sales tax increase for the restoration of essential services. Among the mandated reforms are reduction of retiree healthcare costs, implementation of managed competition for City services, elimination of retirement offsets for elected officials and unrepresented employees, and reduction of the retirement offset for City employees.

I will post the ballot measure to my website soon.

This measure will be the topic of much debate in the coming months. I hope that all parties join me in agreeing to focus on honest, productive dialogue aimed at informing and educating voters, instead of engaging in misinformation campaigns and fingerpointing.

As always, I love hearing from you. I invite questions and comments on these and any other topic of interest by phone (619-236-6633), email (ToddGloria@sandiego.gov), and on Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'T' and a cursive 'odd'.

Todd

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